

MINUTES

**Council on the Status of Women
VA Department of Social Services
7 N. 8th Street Vault Level Conference Room B
Richmond, Virginia 23219**

May 19, 2006

Members Present

Madge Bush (Chair)
Marjorie Brahms-Signer
Paula Burnette
Barbara Ridley-Monroe
Ben Greenberg
Pat Gammon
Karen Raschke
Laura Mandala
Carol Burger

Attending
Jane Brown, Director
Office of Community Partnerships
VA Department of Social Services

Members Absent

Jane Cabarrus
Wendy Klein
Christie McClure
Farzaneh Milani
Sharon McDonald
Susan Kellom
Marisa Rivera-Albert
Leni Gonzalez
Helen Horton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Madge Bush at 10:00am

Introductions

Chair Bush welcomed Ms. Tarina Keene who was attending the meeting as an observer.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved with one amendment. Helen Horton was added to the approved minutes as absent at the previous meeting.

Presentations

Report from the Chair

Recommendation made for approval of full Council to renew membership to the National Association of Commissions for Women at a cost of \$50.

Chairperson Madge Bush thanked the council for all their efforts during the 1st Annual Governor's Caregiver Award ceremony that was held at the General Assembly building in January 2006. It was well attended and covered by local press. Special thanks were given to Christie McClure and Barbara Ridley-Monroe for their contributions to the event.

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Old Business

Monetary Awards to Caregiver

2006 Caregiver Award winners will be receiving \$100 monetary awards solicited from voluntary contributions.

New Business

Meeting Schedules and Location

A meeting schedule was discussed and agreed upon. The Council will be meeting three more times in 2006. These meeting dates are July 10, September 18, and November 13. There was discussion regarding the location of the meetings. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Charlottesville. Ben Greenberg agreed to secure a meeting space. Member and public announcement of future meetings will be posted upon finalization of meeting sites.

Council Mission and Goals

There was a discussion around the goals and mission of the Council. The following steps were decided:

- Collect information and data on status of women in the Virginia. Identify and report indicators on the following data points:
 - Careers/Economic Development
 - Child Support
 - Business,
 - Health/HPV/Teen Pregnancy
 - Safety
 - Civic Participation
 - Education,
- Use results of data collection for future focus, public education and action,
- Work on web content and its promotion of Council goals,
- Issue press releases to encourage grassroots involvement goals and activities,
- Identify local organizations with similar goals and cultivate partnerships.

Jane Brown reviewed with the Council the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act guidelines on open meetings, document retention and electronic meetings and communication. Conflict of Interest training to be held at the meeting was rescheduled for the next meeting in Charlottesville.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-marie Taranto